

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A package is disclosed having a first sleeve and a second sleeve. Each sleeve
has at least one side wall and is closed at one end by an end wall. The second sleeve is
sized so as to be capable of moving in a telescopic fashion on the first sleeve. An array of
compressible articles is enclosed between the first and second sleeves which form an
enclosed package. Each article has at least one planar surface aligned substantially
parallel to at least one of the end walls and is held in compression in a direction that is
substantially perpendicular to the planar surface. The package also has an attachment
10 and release member securing the first and second sleeves together after the articles have
been compressed.